

REMARKS

5 Reconsideration of the application is respectfully  
requested. Claims 10-11, 13-16 were rejected under Section  
112 for being indefinite. Claims 5, 10-11, 14, 16 and 18 have  
been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this  
application. Claim 13 has been amended to depend upon the  
allowable claim 12. Claim 15 has been amended to conform to  
10 Section 112. All the claims should now be in full  
conformance. No new matter has been added to the claims.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 20 were rejected  
under Section 102b as being anticipated by Hammerly. This  
rejection is respectfully traversed.

15 Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the  
limitations of the allowable claim 5 (and any intervening  
claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claims 2, 4 and 7 are allowable because they depend  
upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because each claim  
20 includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the  
cited references.

Claims 10-11 have been canceled.

Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the  
limitations of the allowable claim 18 (and any intervening  
25 claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claim 20 is allowable because it depends upon the  
allowable amended claim 17 and because the claim includes  
limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited  
references.

30 Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 19 were  
rejected under Section 102b as being anticipated by Ravitts.  
This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the  
limitations of the allowable claim 5 (and any intervening

claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 are allowable because they depend upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because each claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

Claims 10-11 have been canceled.

Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the limitations of the allowable claim 18 (and any intervening claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claim 19 is allowable because it depends upon the allowable amended claim 17 and because the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 17 were rejected under Section 102b as being anticipated by Tanabe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of the allowable claim 5 (and any intervening claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 are allowable because they depend upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because each claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

Claims 10-11 and 14 have been canceled.

Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the limitations of the allowable claim 18 (and any intervening claims) and is therefore allowable.

Claim 9 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over any one of Hammerly, Ravitts or Tanabe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 9 is allowable because it depends upon the allowable amended claim 1 and because the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

Claims 9 and 13 were rejected under Section 103 as

being obvious over any one of Hammerly, Ravitts or Tanabe as applied alternatively to claim 1 above and further in view of Pease. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

5 Claims 9 and 13 are allowable because they depend upon the allowable amended claims 1 and 12, respectively, and because the claims include limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

10 Claim 16 was rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over any one of Hammerly, Ravitts or Tanabe as applied alternatively to claim 1 above and further in view of Haegeman. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 16 has been canceled to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

15 The application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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